

City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) scorecard 2008

Overall performance for this Council

This is a council that is **improving well** and demonstrating a **4 star** overall performance.



We reached this overall rating by looking at:

- What progress City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council has made in the last year – direction of travel
- How City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council manages its finances and provides value for money – use of resources
- How City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council's main services perform – service performance
- How City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council is run – corporate assessment

Service assessments, use of resources and corporate assessments are scored on the Local Services Inspectorate Forum scale:

- 1 = Inadequate performance – below minimum requirements
- 2 = Adequate performance – only at minimum requirements
- 3 = Performing well – consistently above minimum requirements
- 4 = Performing strongly – well above minimum requirements

Direction of travel

The progress City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council has made in the last year

Direction of travel	2005	2006	2007	2008
This assessment indicates the progress being made, or otherwise, to achieve improvement.	improving well	improving adequately	improving well	improving well

The following summary has been provided to support the 2008 direction of travel assessment:

Wakefield Council is improving well. Improvement in priority areas is good, although relatively few indicators are in the top performance band. With local partners, it has reduced crime, improved waste recycling, attracted significant inward investment, supported job creation, improved educational attainment and improved services for older people and those made vulnerable by circumstances. It has not met all its targets on improving health, reducing health inequalities and reducing violent crime. Although road safety is improving, more people are killed or injured than in similar areas. Value for money is improving. The Council collected more council tax than before and the Worksmart programme is helping drive organisational efficiencies. Significant efficiency gains over the past three years have exceeded targets. Fully implementing the recently introduced value for money initiatives will support further improvement. The Council has both the robust plans and capacity to maintain improvement. Plans could be further enhanced by setting clear milestones to enable citizens to better assess progress. The Council is adopting a comprehensive approach to commissioning to help address current financial constraints and drive further transformation. This is a major change for the Council and will stretch its capacity.

Use of resources

How City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council manages its finances and provides value for money

Use of resources	2005	2006	2007	2008
We have assessed how well the Council manages its finances and provides value for money.	2	2	3	3

This use of resources judgement is drawn from five individual judgements provided by the Council's appointed auditor:

Auditor judgements	2008
Financial reporting	3
Financial management	3
Financial standing	3
Internal control	3
Value for money	3

Service performance

How City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council's main services perform

Service area	2005	2006	2007	2008
Benefits - The Council's performance in providing housing and council tax benefit services as assessed by the Department for Work and Pensions and is based primarily on achievement against the 2005 housing benefits/council tax benefits performance standards.	3	3	4	3
Children and young people - The Council's performance in providing children's services, such as children's education and social care. The joint assessment is made by the Commission for Social Care Inspection and Ofsted following a review of the Council's overall performance and key indicators.	3	3*	3	3
Culture - The Council's performance in services, such as libraries and leisure, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	2	3	3	3
Environment - The Council's performance in services, such as transport, planning and waste, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	2	3	3	3
Housing - The Council's performance in community housing and, where applicable, housing management services, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	4	4	3	3
Social care (adults) - The Council's performance in adult social care services. The assessment is made by the Commission for Social Care Inspection following a review of the Council's overall performance and key indicators.	3	3	3	4

Key: * = score used is from 2005

Corporate assessment

How City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council is run

Corporate assessment	2005-2008
In assessing how the Council is run, the Commission considers what the Council, together with its partners, is trying to achieve; what the capacity of the Council, including its work with partners, is to deliver what it is trying to achieve; and what has been achieved? Under CPA - The Harder Test, corporate assessments were undertaken once for each single tier and county council between 2005 and 2008.	3

Percentage figures may not total 100 per cent due to rounding.

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